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Subject: RE: RL Participation

Preston,

I appreciate your comments. Please understand that I was in no way insinuating that DOI's coverage was inadequate, we all know that is not the case. And let me re-iterate that this decision will not reduce our participation in trustee activities, it will actually increase that participation overall.

But the fact remains that you, as the designated voting representative, have the obligation to attend NRTC meeting. The by-laws are very specific on this issue. And you did strongly recommended quarterly meetings, augmented by work groups. If my memory serves me correct, you even discussed how this concept has worked well with other trustee councils that you're involved with. So I'm not sure why it disturbs you when we take the same position. I think we both had the right idea.

Jamie

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Jamie

I understand that at yesterday's meeting one of the reasons given for DOE's unilateral decision to limit participation and thus reduce the Hanford Trustee Council regular meetings from bi-monthly to a quarterly basis is that DOI has not fully participated in the council due to my inability to attend on a regularly because of my limited travel budget. As you well know DOI has been represented by the BLM and FWS. They have kept me fully informed of all council decisions and actions. I have been and will remain available to participate in meetings either in person or by conference call if in the opinion of FWS or BLM they feel my presence is necessary. It should be noted that my office has received and responded as appropriate to all resolutions and findings that required DOI's signature to reach consensus. It is not the purpose of my office to make unilateral decision regarding a resolution or finding. It is instead to coordinate with all the affected bureaus in order to develop a unified Departmental position. In that regard the Department's concurrence process for resolutions and findings would remain the same even if I were able to attend the meetings.

With regard to my recommendation that the trustee council have quarterly meetings, it was just that a suggestion and put forward for council discussion. It was ultimately decided by the Council not to adopt that recommendation and the Department supported that decision.

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despite full support of the Department through FWS and BLM. I would like to remind DOE that my office was one of the original members of the trustee council and was instrumental in its establishment. I would encourage DOE to reconsider their decision and participate on a schedule determined by the Trustee Council.